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SOVIET-BRITISH EXCHANGES ON REPATRIATION OF SOVIET CITIZENS FROM THE UK
(1948)

From: MOSCOW

To: LONDON

No.: 150

8 December 1948⁶

To KLESHKANOV(1).

Reference No. 851(ii). I report that the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the USSR does not think it expedient to raise with the British Government at the present time the question of the British War [BX Office's] keeping in touch with you over the question of the repatriation of Soviet citizens from the UNITED KINGDOM. [1 group unrecovered] on this matter, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the USSR thinks it expedient in the meantime to conduct direct [1 group unrecovered] between the Soviet Embassy in LONDON and the British Foreign Office, as [4 groups unrecovered] concerning the handing over to the Soviet authorities of "Soviet citizens, [2 groups unrecovered] in the units of ANDERS's(iii) Army which have arrived in the UNITED KINGDOM. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of

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the USSR sent a note to the British Embassy in MOSCOW, dated **September, regarding the repatriation of Soviet citizens from territories controlled by the British authorities. This note was also a reply to a note from the British Foreign Office, dated * [BX August], and it was pointed out in it that there were [CX 5542] Soviet citizens in the UNITED KINGDOM due for repatriation. In view of the foregoing, insist firmly on the repatriation of

[46 groups unrecoverable]

No. 2507 ✓
[BX 8] December

GOLUBEV [iv]

Footnotes: ✓ [i]

KLESHKANOV:

Col. Ivan Andreevich KLESHKANOV, member of the Soviet Repatriation Commission, in the UK February 1945-June 1948.

[ii] Not available.

✓ [iii] ANDERS:

Lt. Gen. Wladyslaw ANDERS, former Acting C-in-C of Polish Armed Forces.

✓ [iv] GOLUBEV:

Lt. General K.D. GOLUBEV, appointed Deputy Plenipotentiary of Council of People's Commissars (SNK) USSR for Repatriation Affairs in October 1944.